Food parks in Himachal Pradesh

2177. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to set up food parks in Kangra district of Himachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has received any proposals from the Himachal Pradesh Government to set up food parks in other districts of the State also;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) by when these food parks are likely to be set up in that State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAI): (a) to (e) The Government has not received any proposal from Himachal Pradesh to set up Food Parks in any District, including Kangra District of the State. After the closure of the Food Park Scheme under the 10th Five Year Plan with effect from 31st March, 2007, the Ministry has recently introduced a Plan Scheme for Infrastructure Development for Food Processing Industries — Mega Food Parks Scheme - during the 11th Five Year Plan. Under this Scheme, 30 Mega Food Parks are envisaged to be established throughout the country with a higher level of financial assistance.

FPIs in Rajasthan

2178. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the extent of loss suffered due to lack of cold storage/warehouse/food processing/storage facilities in the country, during the last three years, State-wise;

(b) the total amount allocated to improve these facilities during the period, State-wise;

(c) the extent of increase registered in the capacity of cold storage warehouse/food processing in each State; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to set up these facilities in Rajasthan, during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAI): (a) to (d) According to the Vision 2015 report prepared by Rabo Bank, the level of wastage of agricultural food items is estimated to be about Rs. 58,000/- crores annually, occurring at various stages of handling after harvesting due to fragmented farming, lack of adequate post-harvest infrastructure such as lack of cold chain facilities, transportation, proper storage facilities *etc.* The loss due to wastages could be reduced by promoting the development of food processing industries, strengthening of post-harvest infrastructure and filling the gaps in the supply chain. However, the